

112. (New) The surgical clip of claim 104 further comprising a lock on a first side of said surgical clip.

113. (New) The surgical clip of claim 112, said lock including a pawl and a notch, said pawl releasably engageable with said notch.

114. (New) The surgical clip of claim 112, said lock including a slot defined by said first side of said surgical clip and a ball joint, said ball joint receivable within said slot.

115. (New) The surgical clip of claim 104 wherein each of said first and second joints include a cam-type hinge.

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-49 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants have added claims 50-115. Claims 50-115 are now pending.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully request examination of these new claims. If for any reason the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4311 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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